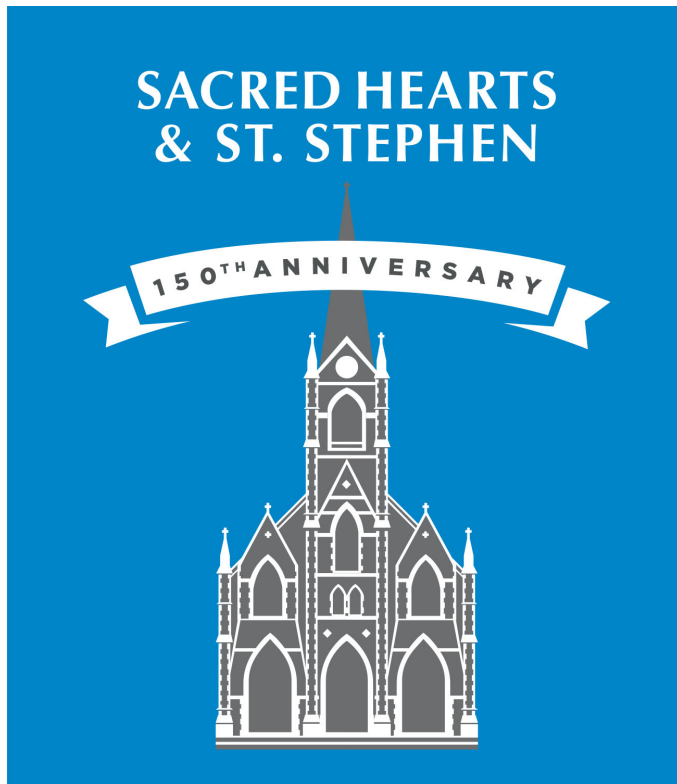

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Beginning 11/15/16 thru 4/12/17-Tuesday thru Friday
8:30 AM and Noon
Sat. 8:30 AM

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Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

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BAPTISMS:

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting. Parents must come to the Parish Office with a copy of the birth certificate one month before your planned Baptism.

SICK CALLS:

Please call and arrange for the sacrament of anointing whenever anyone is seriously ill.

MARRIAGES:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months ahead for an appointment with a Priest.

WELCOME:

Adults who are interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic Faith please call the rectory. Adults who have not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation)

ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Office closed Sunday

No evening hours at the present time.

**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

MASSSES for the WEEK



UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

Over the next few weeks, our church building will be home to many great celebrations marking the conclusion of our 150th year. As we welcome many people through our doors, we must remember that our church is currently inaccessible to some preventing them from joining us in our celebrations. We give thanks that through your donations to Generations of Faith, construction will begin in the New Year on the elevator in our church giving all access for generations to come.

WHAT IS A DEANERY?

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Deaneries are similar to clusters in many ways, but the hope of Bishop DiMarzio is that the Deaneries might be able to serve the local parishes and the diocese in additional ways that the clusters could not. The single biggest difference between a deanery and a cluster is the Dean. A Dean is a priest from the local area, appointed by the Bishop, to serve as the Bishop's representative in that local area (deanery). The Bishop has created 22 deaneries and has appointed 22 deans. The Dean is responsible for looking with a wide vision at the situation of the entire region and encouraging other parish leaders to look at the wider region as well. The Diocese has just gone through a reconfiguration process that attempted to identify and address many temporal and pastoral concerns. The dean will continue to monitor such situations and work with the other pastors and parish leaders to keep the plans on course. The Dean will still be responsible for calling together parish staff and clergy to work together on a deanery level to share pastoral plans, dialogue about changes in the wider neighborhood and propose plans to increase our collaboration with one another. In addition, the Dean is asked to support the priests in the deanery. This includes being attentive to clergy who may be ill or elderly, but may also include the spiritual support of all clergy. With the recent parish mergers come more complex assignments for pastors. Couple this with the decrease in the number of priests in general and the need for a local Dean to support priests in their assignments becomes more apparent and more urgent. The Dean will also meet directly with Bishop DiMarzio, both individually and as a group, to share with the Bishop the situation on the local level and to assist him in serving the parishes more effectively. Also, there remains a Vicar for Brooklyn and a Vicar for Queens, who are priests assigned by the Bishop to oversee the administration of the Church across entire boroughs. The Deans will work closely with the Vicars to implement plans to strengthen the Church and ensure that all priests are supported, parish staffs work together and the laity are continually informed and called into greater leadership and participation.

- MON. NOVEMBER 14, 2016**
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. NOVEMBER 15, 2016**
8:30 Rose & Patsy Scotto
BY: Terry Scotto Spinelli
Noon Louis Trani
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- WED NOVEMBER 16, 2016**
8:30 Filomena & Angelo Lagana
BY: Family
Noon Felice & Anna Tesoriero
BY: Grandchildren
- THURS. NOVEMBER 17, 2016**
8:30 Filomena Scotto
BY: Children
Noon Debbie Boucher
BY: Carol & Vinny Richards
- FRI. NOVEMBER 18, 2016**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
Noon Lottie & Frank Illiano
BY: RoseMary Polito & Family
- SAT. NOVEMBER 19, 2016**
8:30 Alfred Pipitone
BY: Mom & Dad
5:30 Loving Parents
Domenica & Anthony Pellicno
BY: Daughter Rita
- SUN NOVEMBER 20, 2016**
8:00 Lisa Puglise
BY Loving Family
10:00 Society of Pozzallo Mass
Noon Mary Tarsio
BY: Loving Family
1:15 PM Addolorata Mass

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

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| Jonelle Bernardo, | Mario Austi |
| Brad Hatry | Matthew Ruggiero |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle |
| Maria Carmen | Morial John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Denise Deacomanolis | Rachel Valenti |
| Salvatore Gianino | Judith Latalladi |
| Rosemary Love | Lisa Van |
| Eileen Giannotta | Donald Jackson |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Roe Gambardella |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Angelina Campasano | Andrew Favorito |
| Anthony Caruvana | |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of November 13, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of

MARY TARSIO

Requested by:

Rose Marie Foglia



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of November 13, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of

**THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE PIPITONE & TRANI FAMILIES**

BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus

YOUTH NEWS

On Saturday November 19th all Youth from Visitation, St. Paul & St. Agnes are invited to attend the 5:30 PM Mass at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen. This mass will be followed by a Movie Night to be held in Cabrini Hall(directly below the Church) at 6:45 PM. The movie is For Greater Glory. For more information, call 718 596-7750 and speak with Laura, our Youth Minister.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Our 150th Anniversary celebration of the establishment of

St. Stephen Catholic Church is today!

Sunday, November 13, 2016.

4:00 PM Cocktails—5:00 PM Dinner

El Caribe Country Club

5945 Strickland Avenue

Brooklyn, N.Y.

We look forward with pleasure to celebrating this joyous event with all who purchased tickets.

We will see you this afternoon!

**DONT FORGET
ABOUT THE FOLLOWING EVENT:**

**Our 150th Anniversary Mass
Celebrated by**

**Most Rev. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio
will be held on**

Sunday,

December 18, 2016

@ 10:00 AM

Kindly mark your calendars.

This is the only mass scheduled on this day.

There will be a small reception with light refreshments in

Cabrini Hall following the Mass.

NOON MASS

Kindly note that beginning on November 15th, we will have two Masses per day—Tuesday through Friday. One at 8:30 AM and the other at Noon. This will continue through the 12th of April when the schedule will revert back to one mass at 8:30 as usual. Noon Masses will continue on Monday throughout the year.

From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family,

Today the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings are dealing with last things. As I said last Sunday, for the next few weeks the readings will have an apocalyptic theme. The word “apocalyptic” means revelations of things still to happen. This genre of biblical literature makes symbols and signs which may be difficult to understand. This type of biblical writing is found in a number of books in the Bible such as the Book of Revelation found at the end of the New Testament, the books of the prophets such as Ezekiel, Daniel and Micah to name a few. The major themes of apocalyptic biblical writing are: the end of time, the final battle between good and evil, the second coming of Christ and the ultimate victory of God over evil. Regardless of how strange the reading may sound, we need to remember that in the end, God wins. God will triumph over evil. Truth will win out over falsehood.

In today’s readings, these themes are most articulated in the first reading, the responsorial psalm and the Gospel. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi, we are told the days are coming when God will destroy evil doers. We are told that while the fire of God will destroy evil, that very same fire will heal all those who have suffered for upholding the faith. If we read the last Beatitude: “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me, rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.” It is these people who will be healed by the fire of God. The psalm refrain reminds us that God will in time set all that is wrong right. We read: “The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.” Justice in this context means setting all relationships in the right order.

In the Gospel, Jesus is what is important. While many are admiring the beauty of the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus reminds them that the Temple they see will be torn down. The world that they know is temporary. Pressed to reveal when all these things will happen, Jesus names events that have been with us probably since the beginning of recorded history, wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines and plagues. While these happenings do not mean that the end is near, these events remind us that we live in a temporary world. In short, all things and all people have an ending. Jesus speaks about persecutions of the believers and the need for us to bear witness to our faith. We bear witness through faithfulness and good works, even if this means death. These events are indeed frightening.

How do we relate to these readings? We may answer this question by reflecting on some other questions. If everything is temporary, how shall we live? If we are all going to face God one day, what is necessary in our relationship with other people? If the good people and evil people, the rich and the poor alike die, with what value system should I live my life? If faithfulness to the Gospel is the way to salvation, then do I know what it is I truly believe? Do I bear witness to the faith I have in Christ by my words, actions and prayer life? What is the depth of my faith commitment to Christ? Am I Catholic because of my culture, my parents, convenience or have I chosen to live this faith and have I grown into this faith? So, in light of the fact that Good is goodness, truth, love, mercy and justice will triumph, how shall I choose to live? What values will I leave to the next generation? If all things in this life are temporary, in regard to what are they temporary? Who and what is everlasting?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

To the Artist He is the One Altogether Lovely.
To the Architect He is the chief cornerstone.
To the Baker He is the Living Bread.
To the Banker He is the Hidden Treasure.
To the Biologist He is the Life.
To the Builder He is the Sure Foundation.
To the Doctor He is the Great Physician.
To the Educator He is the Great Teacher
To the Farmer He is the Lord of the Harvest
To the Florist He is the Rose of Sharon, The Lily of the Valley.
To the Geologist He is the Rock of Ages
To the Jurist He is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all men.
To the Jeweler He is the Pearl of Great Price.
To the Lawyer He is the Counselor, The Lawgiver, the Advocate.
To the Horticulturist He is the True Vine.
To the Newspaper Man He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.
To the Oculist He is the Light of The World.
To the Philanthropist, He is the unspeakable Gift.
To the Philosopher He is the Wisdom of God.
To the Sculptor He is the Living Stone.
To the Servant He is the Good Master
To the Statesmen He is the Desire of All Nations
To the Student He is the Incarnate Truth.
To the Theologian He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.
To the Traveler He is the New and Living Way.
To the Toiler He is the Giver of Rest.
To the Sinner He is the Lamb of God that takes sin away.
To the Christian He is the Son of the Living God, Savior and Redeemer.

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